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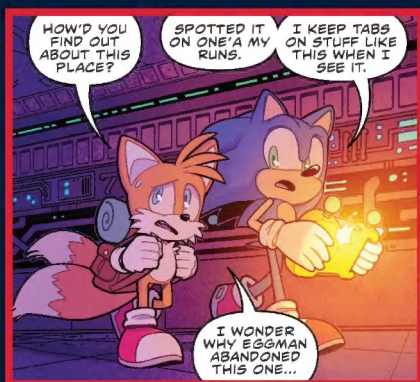
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The Blue Blur.
Fastest Thing Alive.



AMY ROSE

Adventure-ready heroine.
The chaperone.



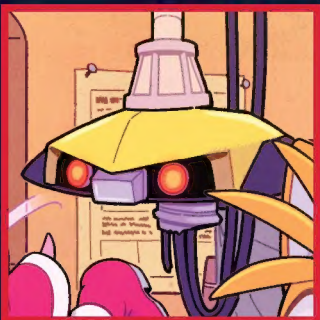
MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Boy genius.
The brains.



ROUGE THE BAT

Treasure-loving spy.
The swindler.



E-123 OMEGA

Damaged robot.
Stuck in a bag.



CREAM THE RABBIT

Compassionate heroine.
The cutest thing alive.



CHEESE

Excitable chao.
The tiny sidekick.



GEMERL

Reformed Robot.
The muscle.

MORNING AT
THE WHITE
PARK CHATEAU.

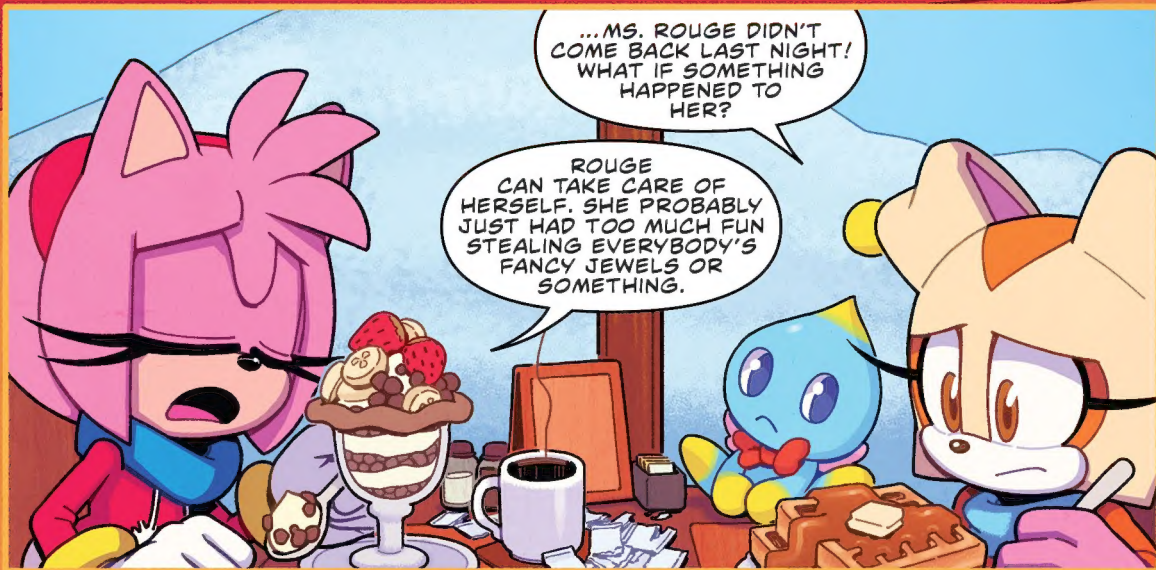
SOMETHING
ON YOUR MIND,
CREAM? YOU'VE
HARDLY TOUCHED
YOUR WAFFLE.

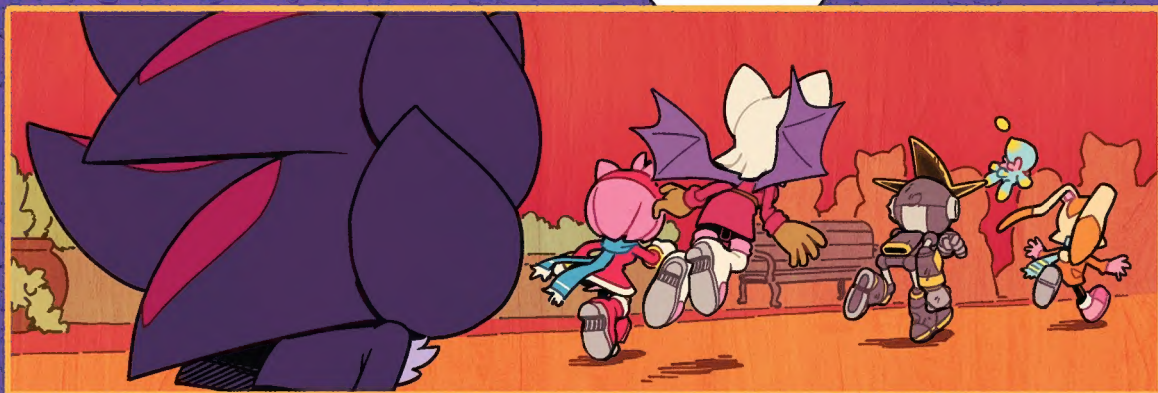
I'M
WORRIED...



...MS. ROUGE DIDN'T
COME BACK LAST NIGHT!
WHAT IF SOMETHING
HAPPENED TO
HER?

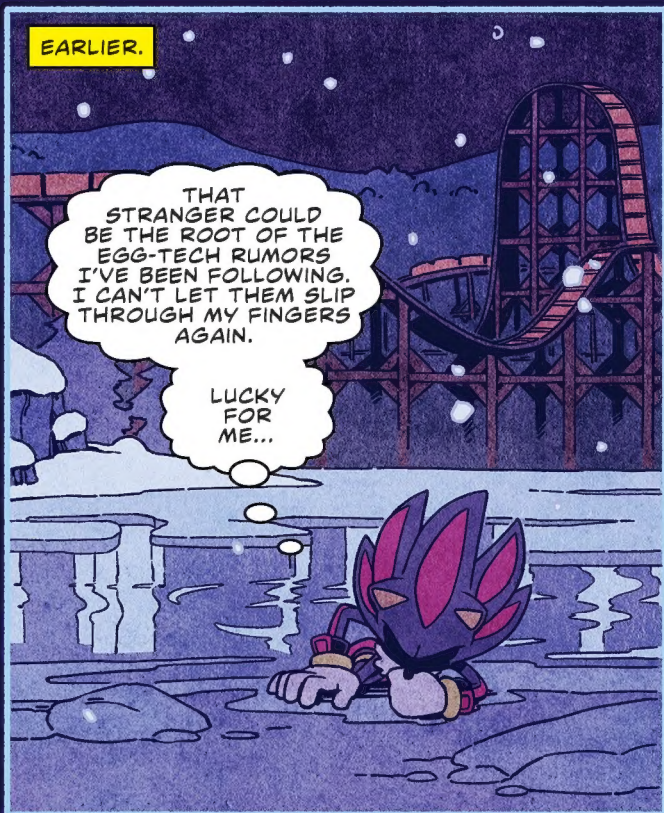
ROUGE
CAN TAKE CARE OF
HERSELF. SHE PROBABLY
JUST HAD TOO MUCH FUN
STEALING EVERYBODY'S
FANCY JEWELS OR
SOMETHING.







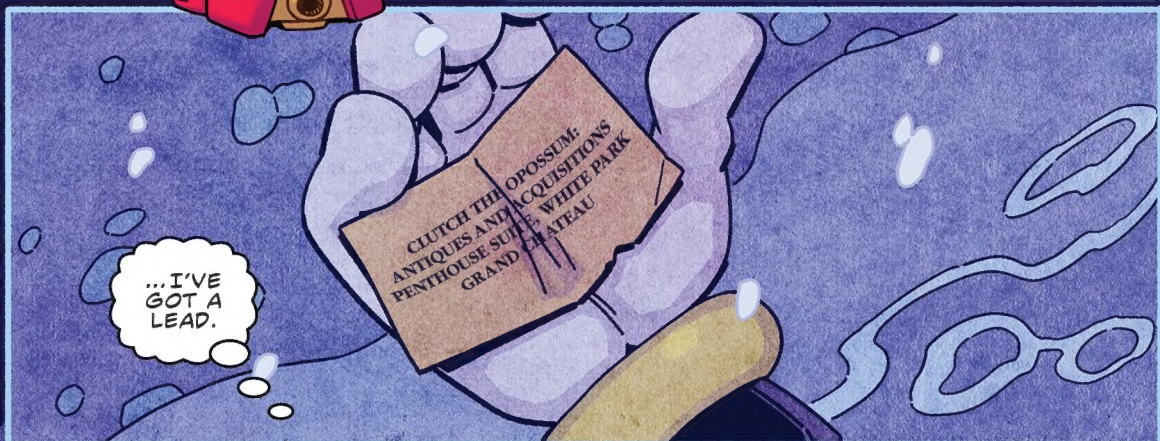
USELESS PAGEANTRY. IF I'M GOING TO FIND THE ONE WHO BEAT ME, IT WON'T BE IN THAT RABBLE.



EARLIER.

THAT STRANGER COULD BE THE ROOT OF THE EGG-TECH RUMORS I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING. I CAN'T LET THEM SLIP THROUGH MY FINGERS AGAIN.

LUCKY FOR ME...



...I'VE GOT A LEAD.

CLUTCH THE OPOSSUM:
ANTIQUES AND ACQUISITIONS
PENTHOUSE SUITE, WHITE PARK
GRAND CHATEAU



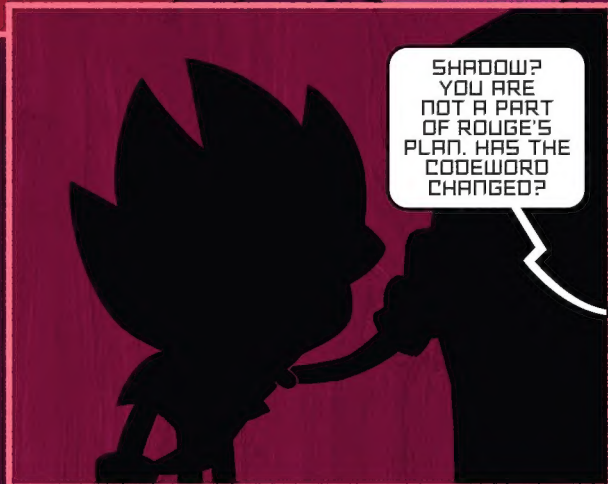
I HOPE THEY MAKE USE OF THE TIME THEY HAVE LEFT...

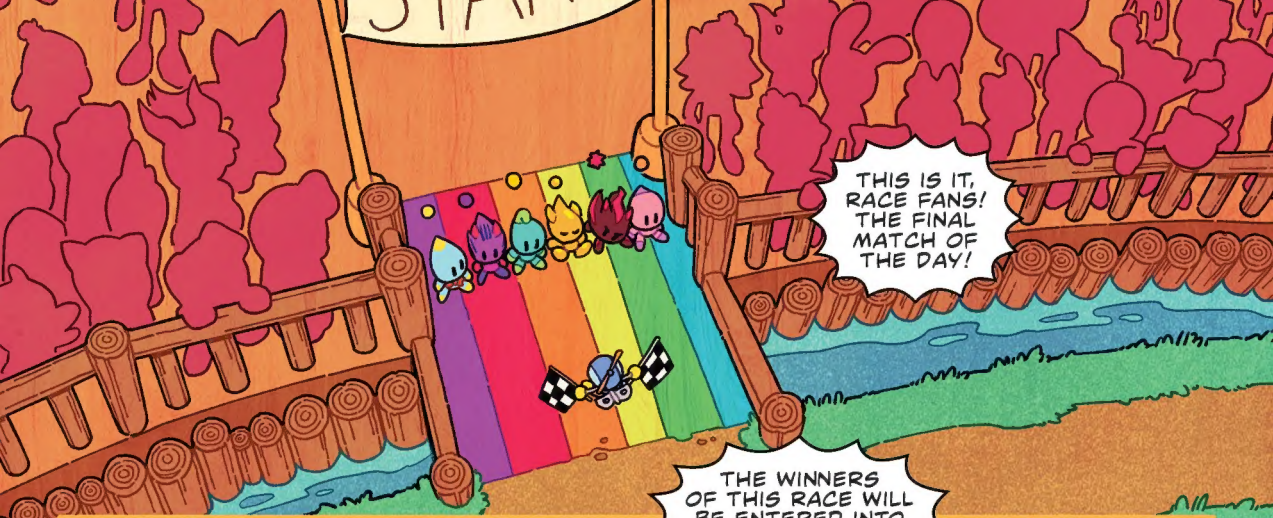


...BECAUSE I WON'T LEAVE THEM MUCH.

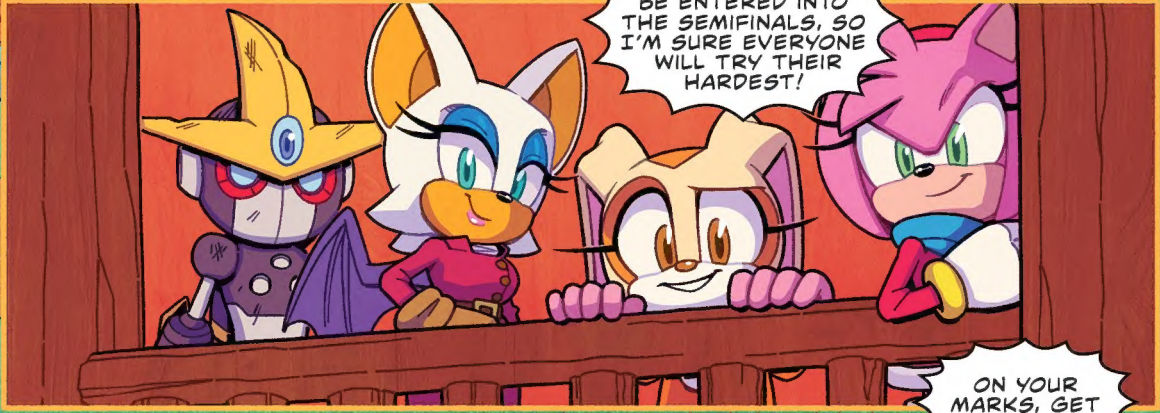
NOW.





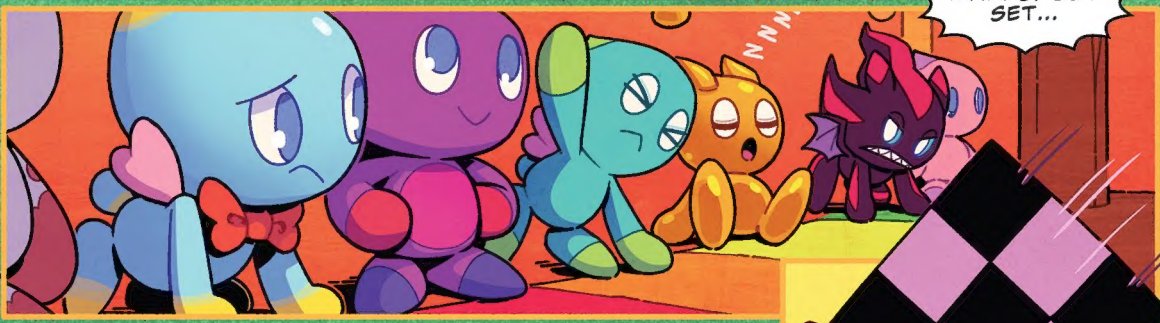


THIS IS IT,
RACE FANS!
THE FINAL
MATCH OF
THE DAY!

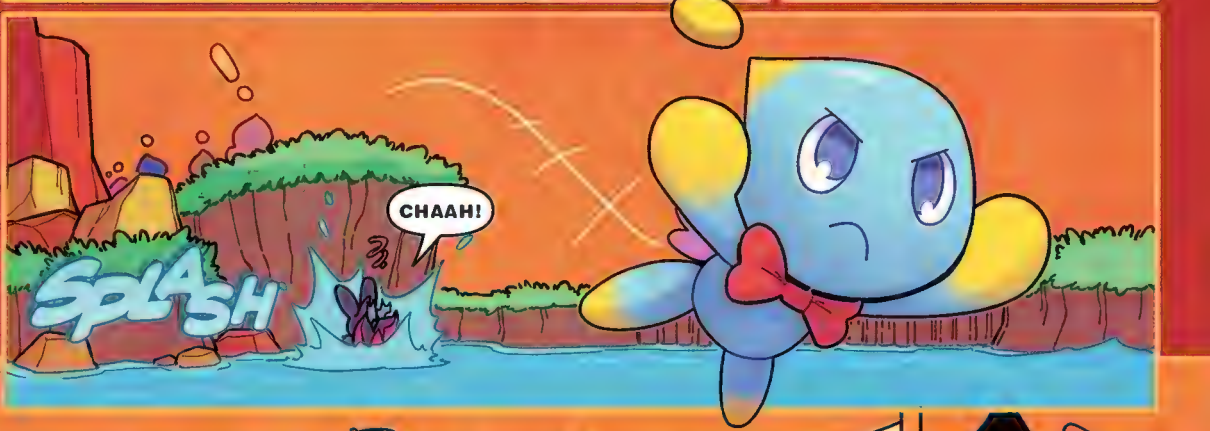
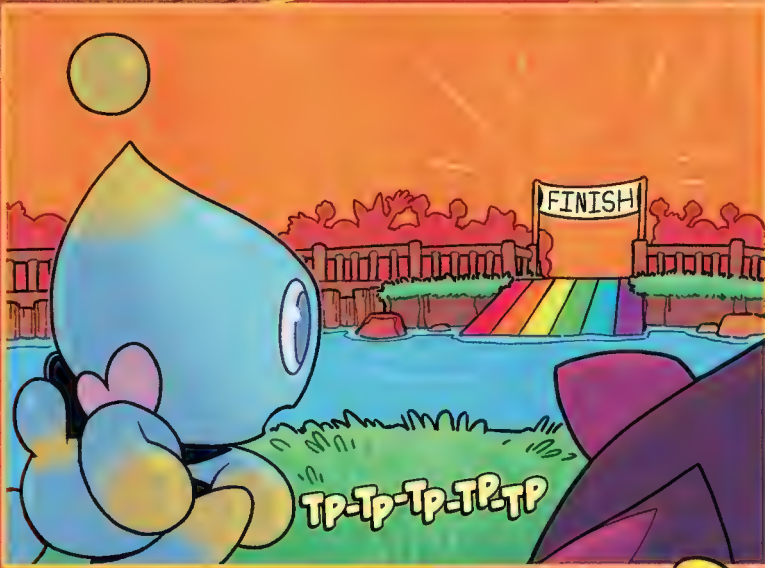


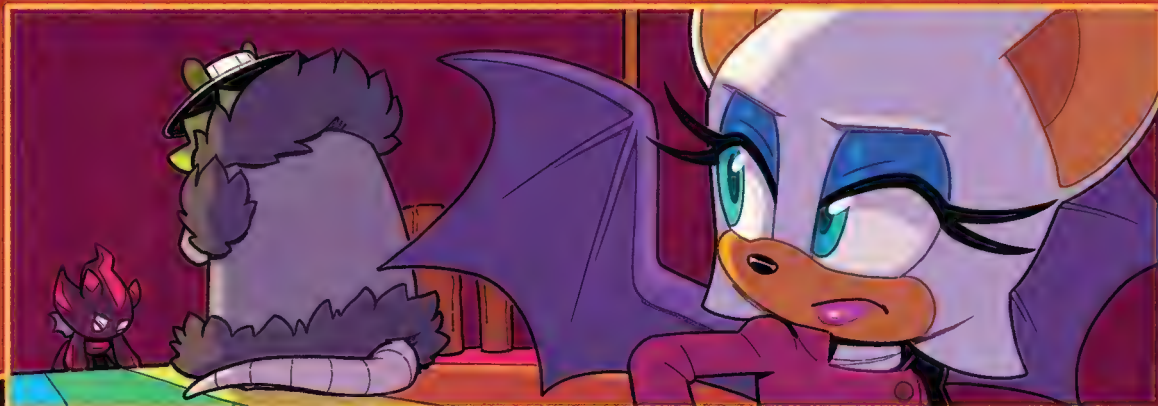
THE WINNERS
OF THIS RACE WILL
BE ENTERED INTO
THE SEMIFINALS, SO
I'M SURE EVERYONE
WILL TRY THEIR
HARDEST!

ON YOUR
MARKS, GET
SET...



...GO!







UGH, FINE. I NEED CHEESE WITH ME SO I CAN GET CLUTCH ALONE. HE THINKS IT'LL BE A TRADE, A CHAO FOR THE PARTS WE NEED, BUT...

...I'VE GOT A PLAN TO TURN THE TABLES ON HIM. THIS GAMBIT'S A BIT MUCH FOR YOU DO-GOODERS THOUGH, SO WHY DON'T YOU LET ME--

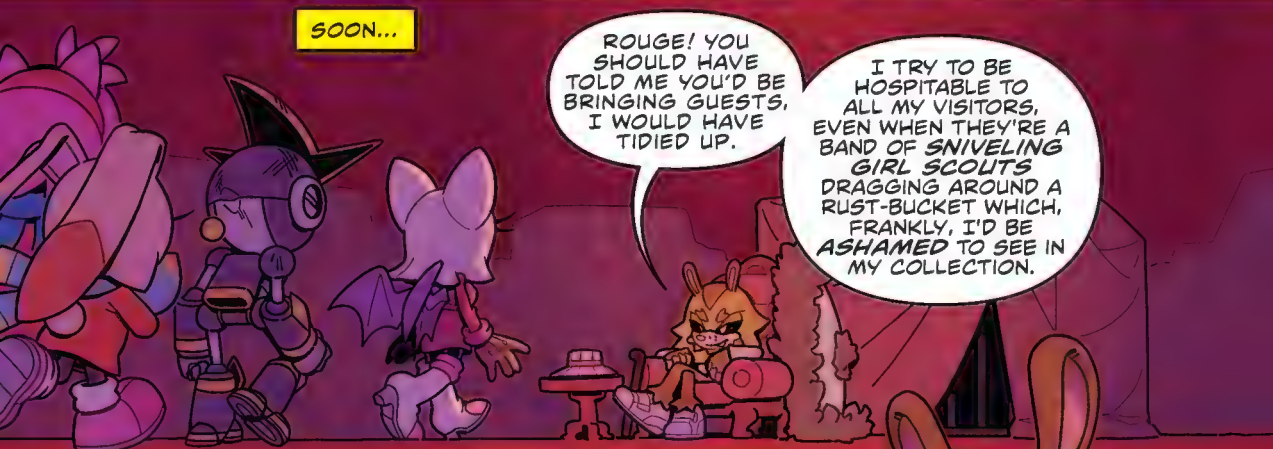
--DO-GOODER, SHMOOGOODER. WE CAN HANDLE IT!

BESIDES, YOU'LL NEED SOMEONE TO WATCH YOUR BACK.



MY, HOW DARING... I'M IMPRESSED!

A TEAM'S A TEAM. MIGHT EVEN BE FUN!

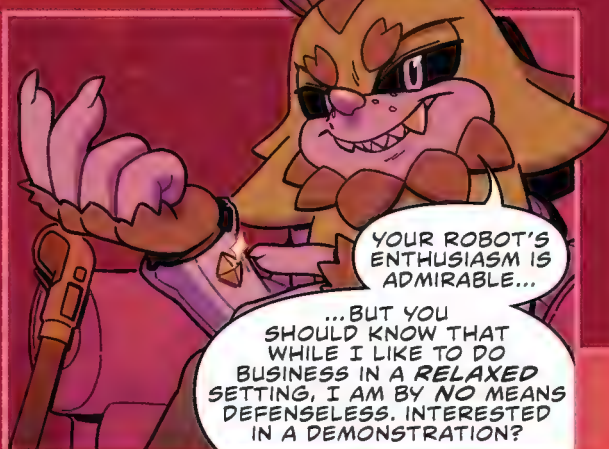


ROUGE! YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME YOU'D BE BRINGING GUESTS. I WOULD HAVE TIED UP.

I TRY TO BE HOSPITABLE TO ALL MY VISITORS, EVEN WHEN THEY'RE A BAND OF *SNIVELING GIRL SCOUTS* DRAGGING AROUND A RUST-BUCKET WHICH, FRANKLY, I'D BE *ASHAMED* TO SEE IN MY COLLECTION.

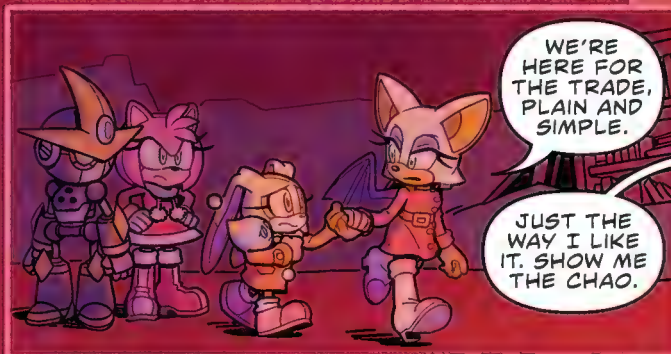


SIMMER DOWN! WE NEED TACT, NOT MUSCLE.



YOUR ROBOT'S ENTHUSIASM IS ADMIRABLE...

...BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WHILE I LIKE TO DO BUSINESS IN A *RELAXED* SETTING, I AM BY *NO* MEANS DEFENSELESS. INTERESTED IN A DEMONSTRATION?

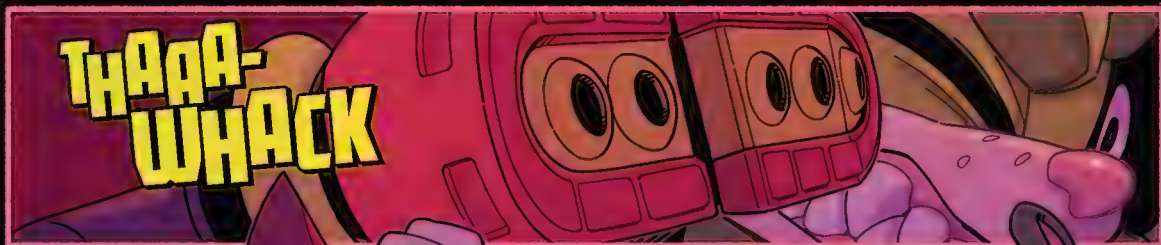
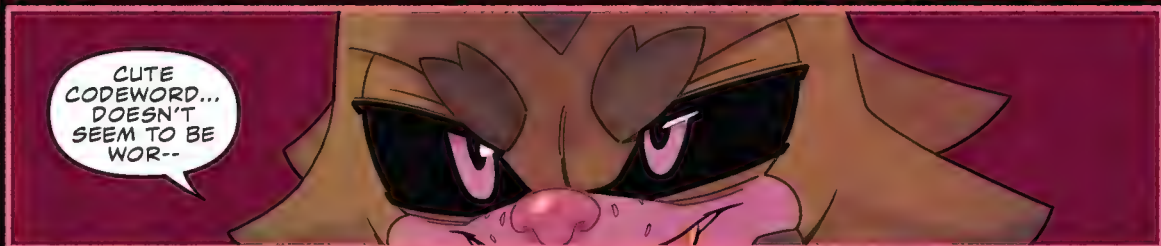


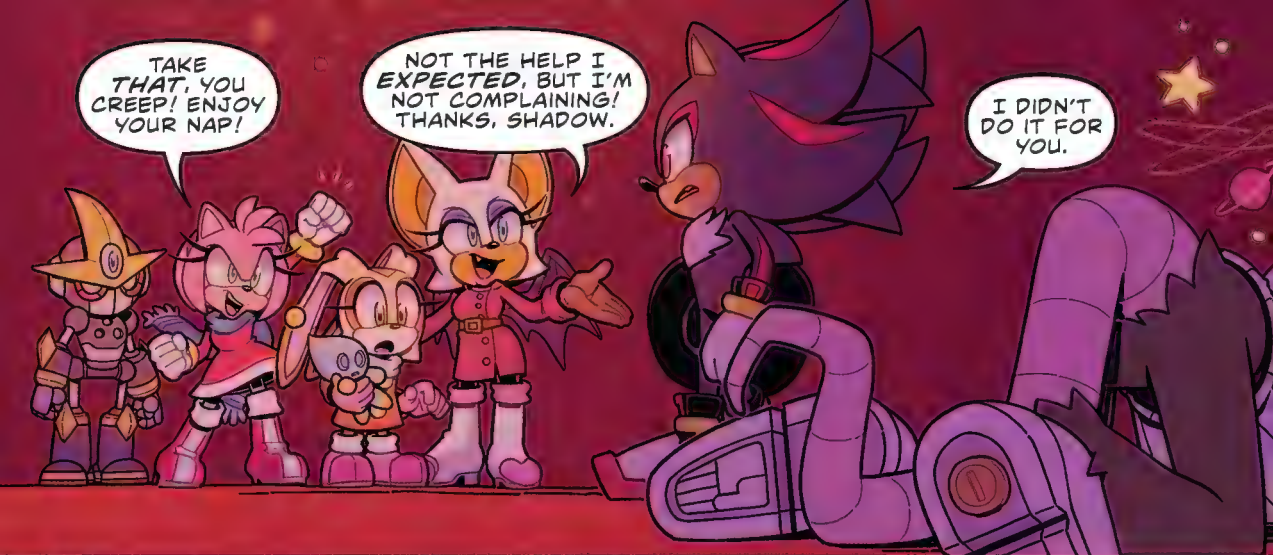
WE'RE HERE FOR THE TRADE, PLAIN AND SIMPLE.

JUST THE WAY I LIKE IT. SHOW ME THE CHAO.



DON'T WORRY. I'VE GOT THIS UNDER CONTROL.





TAKE THAT, YOU CREEP! ENJOY YOUR NAP!

NOT THE HELP I EXPECTED, BUT I'M NOT COMPLAINING! THANKS, SHADOW.

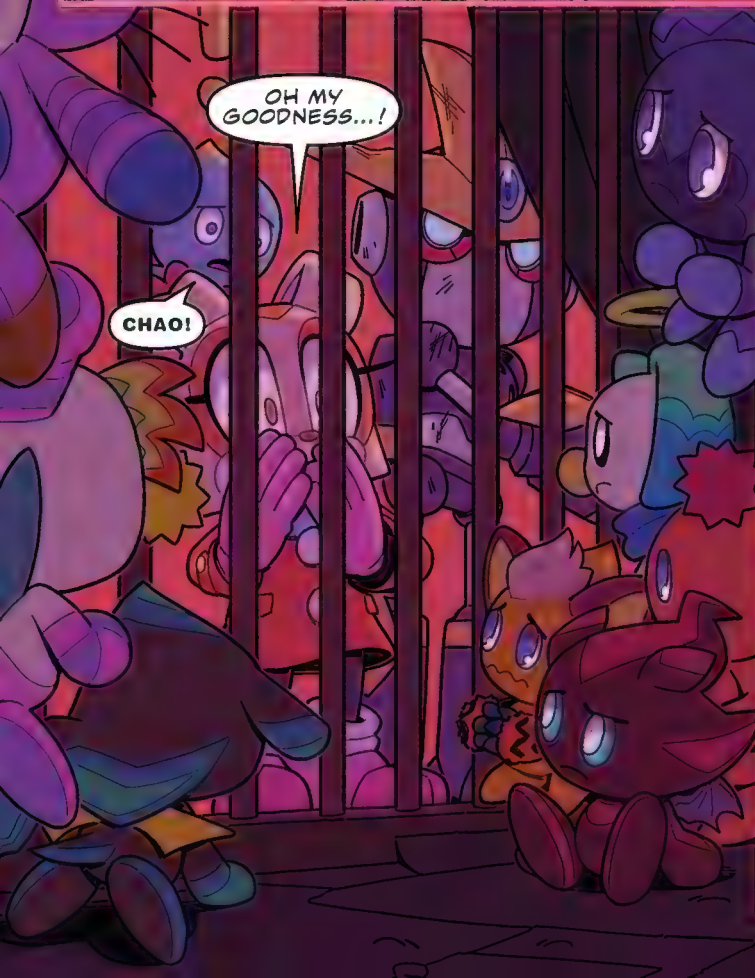
I DIDN'T DO IT FOR YOU.



CHECK UNDER THAT CLOTH-- YOU MAY WANT TO TAKE CARE OF WHAT'S BENEATH.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

TO FIND A REAL CHALLENGE.



OH MY GOODNESS...!

CHAO!



YOU POOR THINGS! SO THIS IS WHY YOU RACED SO HARD... THAT NASTY MR. CLUTCH WOULD PUT YOU BACK IN HERE IF YOU LOST!

CHAO
CH-CHAO...



WE
HAVE TO
GET THEM
OUT.

AGREED,
BUT I DO NOT
THINK IT WILL
BE EASY.



HEY,
YOU'RE
LEAVING,
TOO?

OH?
UH--



--I'M GONNA
CALL TAILS. WE
COULD USE HIS HELP
PICKING OUT THE
RIGHT PARTS
FOR OMEGA.

OK! AND
ROUGE?
GOOD
PLAN.

YOU DON'T
EVEN KNOW WHAT
WAS SUPPOSED
TO HAPPEN!



BUT IT WORKED, AND THAT'S
WHAT MATTERS! I'LL KEEP
AN EYE ON THE SLEEPY
CREEP.

RIGHT.

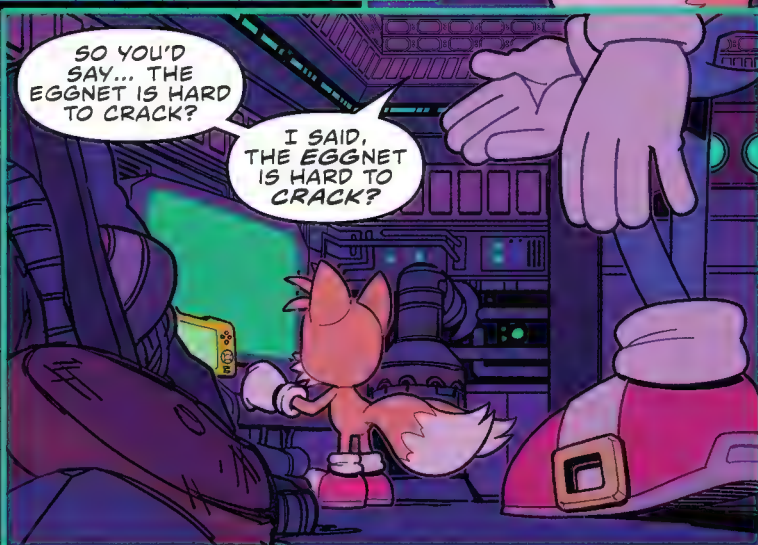
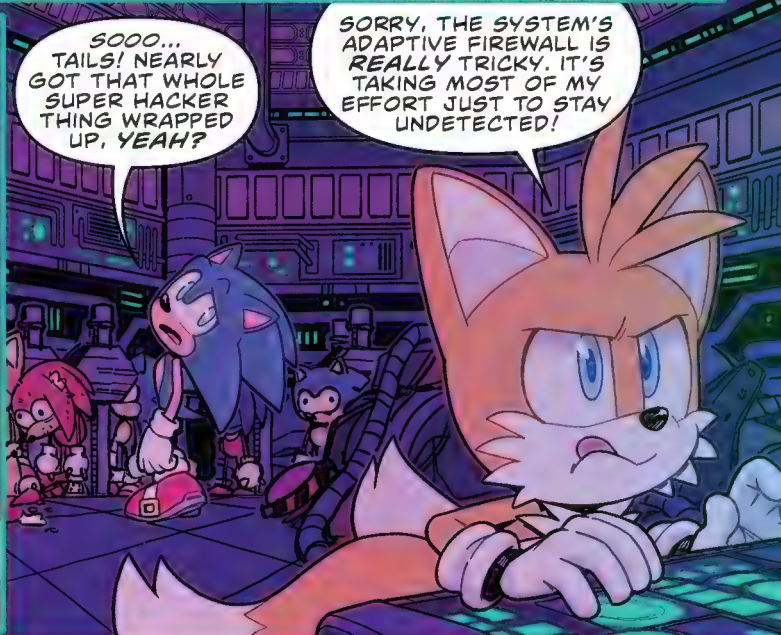


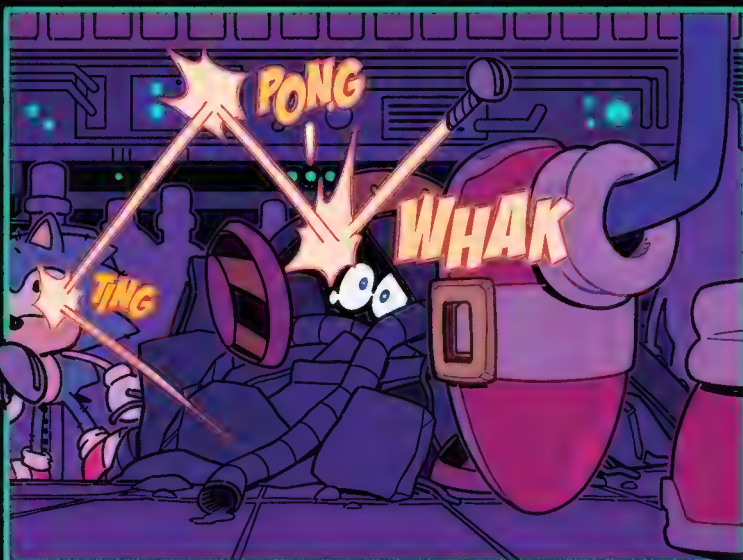
WE'LL HAVE
THIS WRAPPED
UP IN NO TIME!

AT THE
ABANDONED
EGGBASE...

SO IT ALL
COMES DOWN TO
THIS. YOU AND ME,
MANO-A-MANO,
NO MERCY.

TWO
WILL ENTER,
ONE WILL
LEAVE.







HIDING OUT TO SNEAK-ATTACK US? NICE TRY! YOU'RE A NEW BADNIK--WHAT SORTA GOOFY NAME DID EGGMAN COME UP WITH THIS TIME?

PUPPETRON?

WARYONETTE?

NO--
VENTKILLOQUIST!

YOU'RE... YOU'RE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

GOT IT IN ONE. GEESH, EGGY DIDN'T SKIMP ON THE AXEL GREASE FOR YOU, HUH?



HA!



KIRK
DING



HELLO...! NOW
IT'S GETTING
INTERESTING!



OH, NO! I AM SO SORRY, IT'S
A REFLEX, I CAN'T CONTROL IT,
HONEST! I'M NOT A BADNIK,
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW
TO FIGHT!

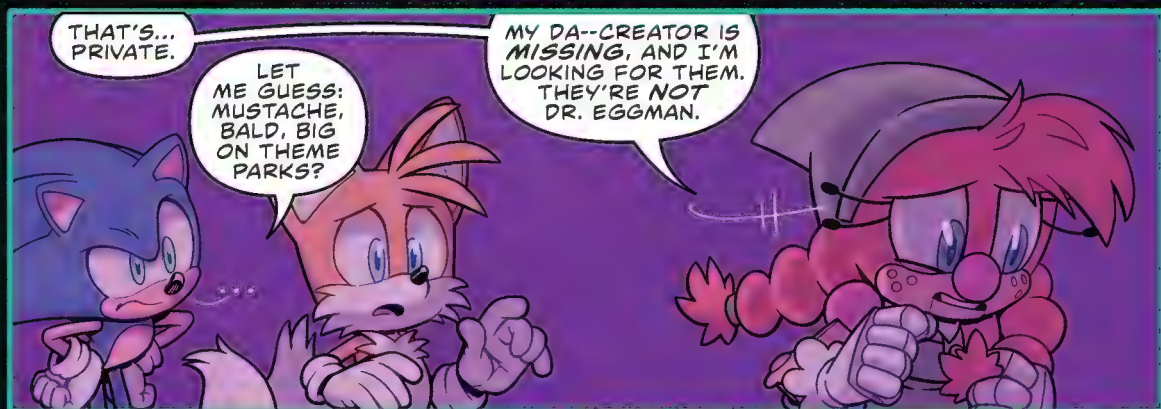
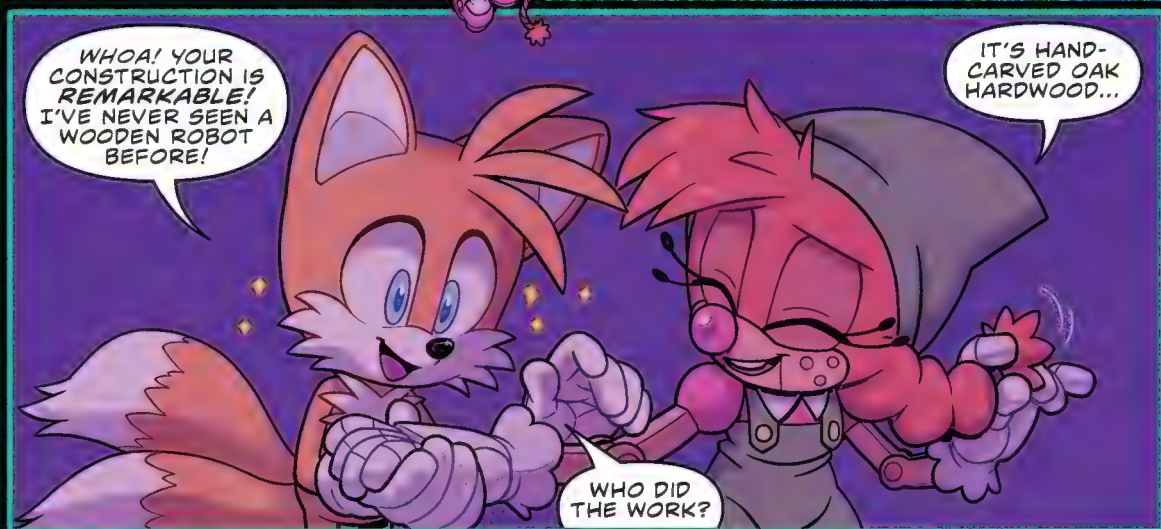
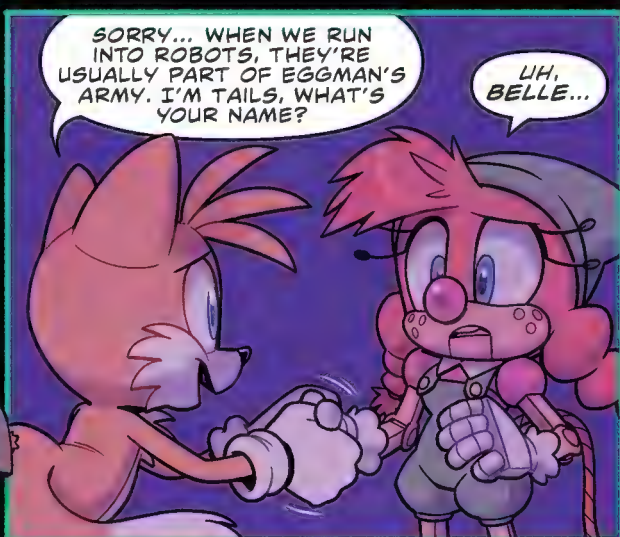


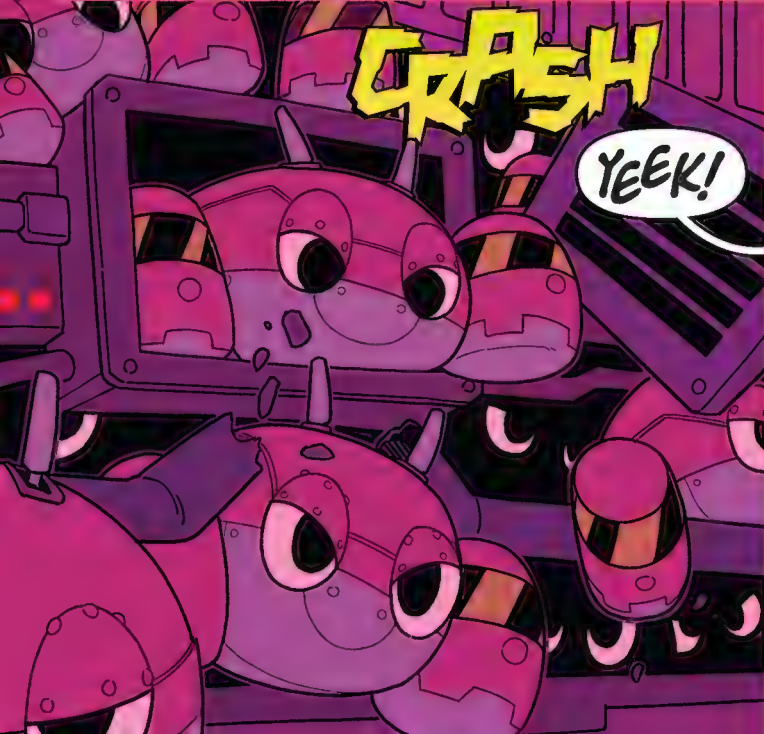
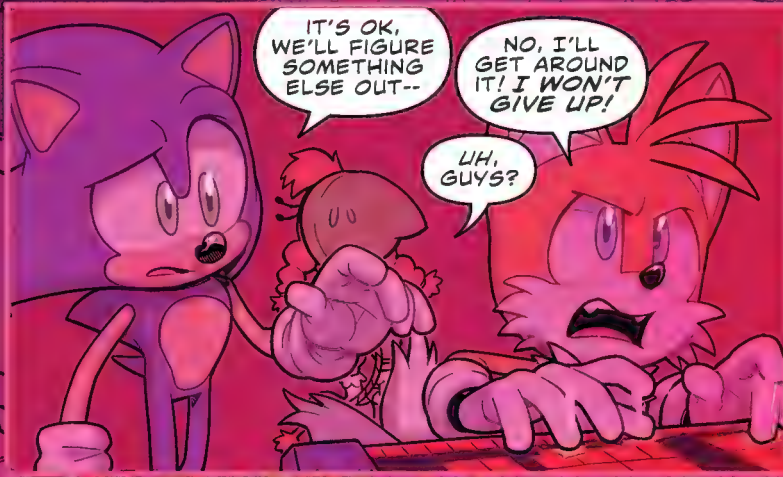
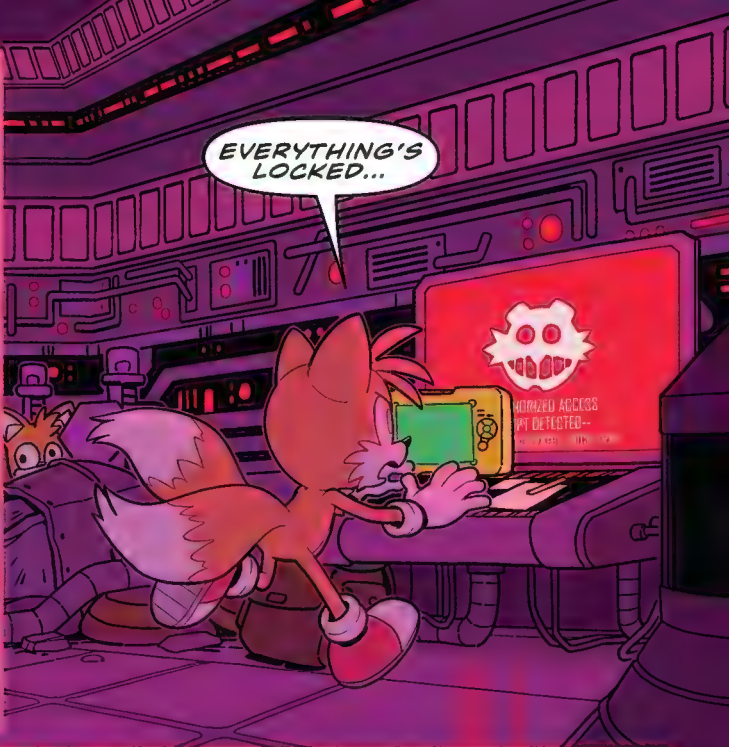
P-PLEASE
DON'T USE
YOUR BUZZSAW
HAIR ON ME.

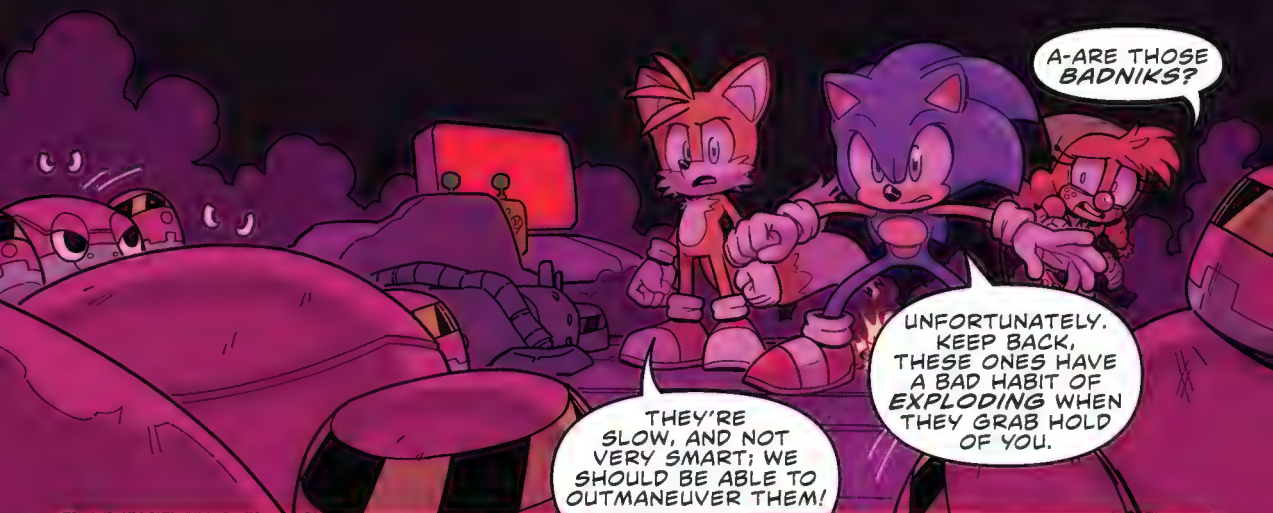
SONIC.

YEAH,
YEAH, I
HEARD 'ER.
I'M DONE.





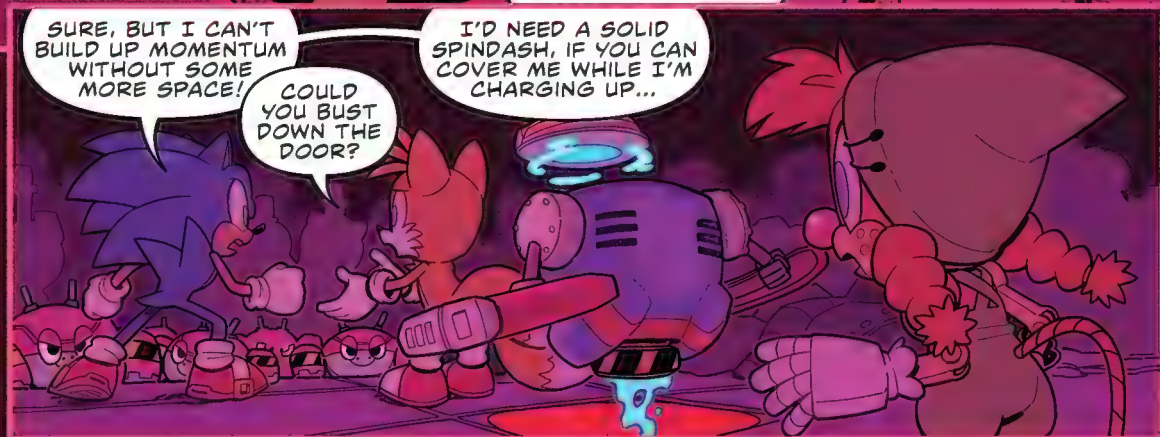




A-ARE THOSE
BADNIKS?

UNFORTUNATELY.
KEEP BACK.
THESE ONES HAVE
A BAD HABIT OF
EXPLODING WHEN
THEY GRAB HOLD
OF YOU.

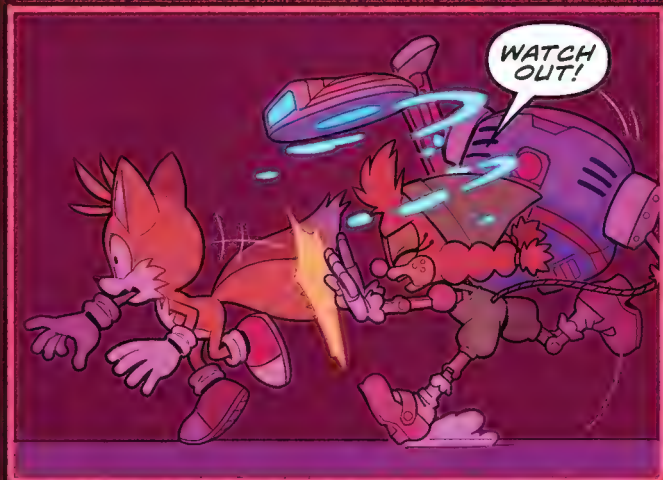
THEY'RE
SLOW, AND NOT
VERY SMART; WE
SHOULD BE ABLE TO
OUTMANEUVER THEM!



SURE, BUT I CAN'T
BUILD UP MOMENTUM
WITHOUT SOME
MORE SPACE!

COULD
YOU BUST
DOWN THE
DOOR?

I'D NEED A SOLID
SPINDASH, IF YOU CAN
COVER ME WHILE I'M
CHARGING UP...



WATCH
OUT!



AAH!

BELLE!

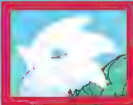


OH,
NO, YOU
DON'T!

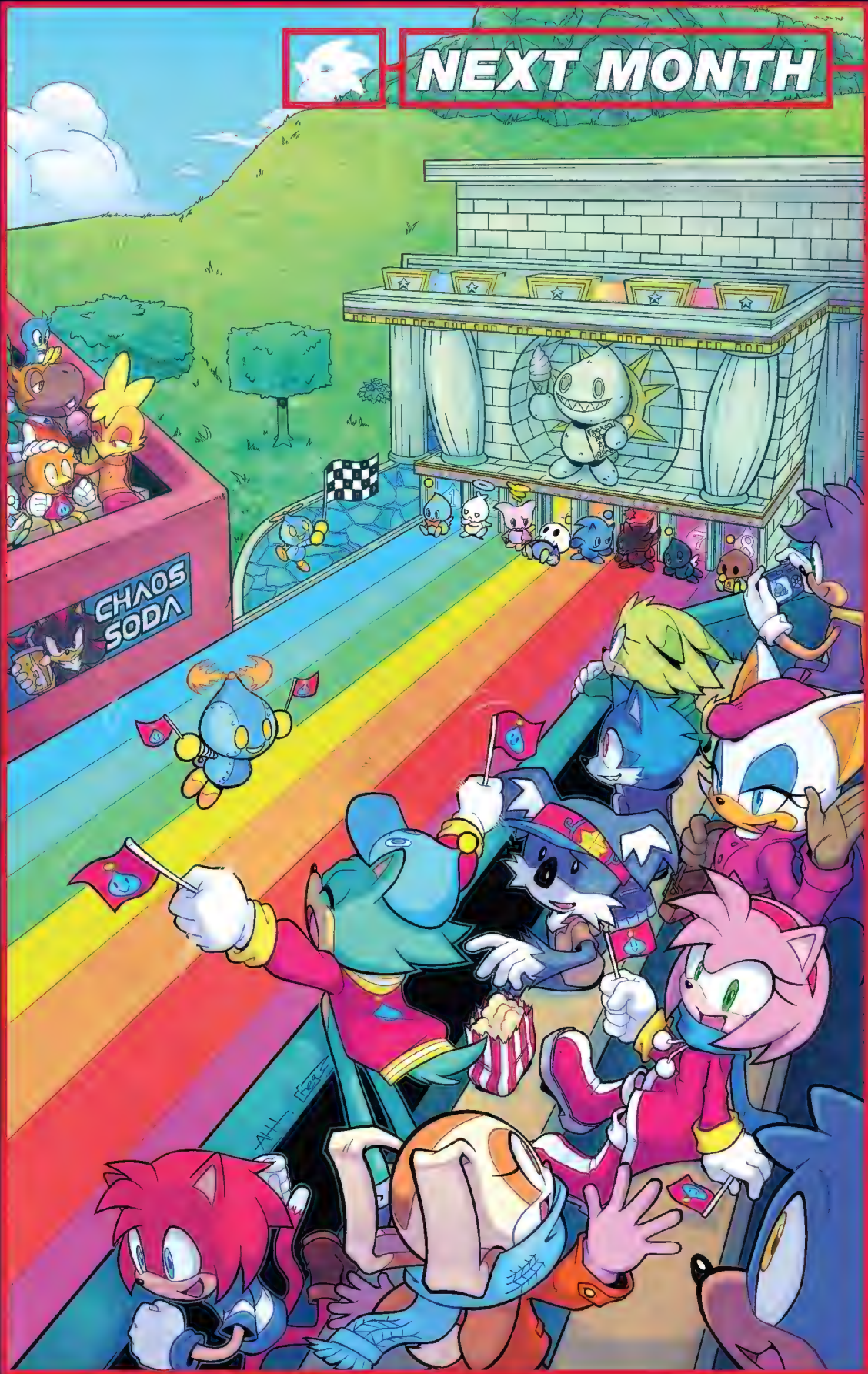
WHAM



**NEXT TIME:
THE RACE IS ON!**



NEXT MONTH



SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD



What's up, Squad! Oh, sawdust, looks like Sonic, Tails, and Belle are in a real pickle! Thanks for joining Evan Stanley, Reggie Graham, and Shawn Lee for "Chao Races and Badnik Bases" part two. Now, on to the letters!

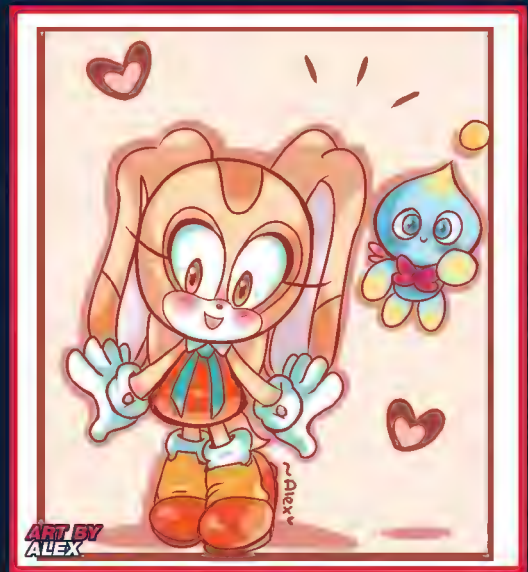
somewhere... Or maybe a Froggy!? If not, I hope to see some of you at a con someday to take some pictures! Thank you for reading the comic and enjoying it, I'm so glad they give you something to look forward to.

Hello IDW team,

My name is Charlize, and I'd really like to say that these comics are truly amazing. It's something that gets me excited to wake up in the morning and read! The picture includes my Sonic cosplay group, and we have even more people joining right now! We're all excited to see more Sonic content. Thank you all for working so hard :)

Hello, Charlize,

Your cosplay group is way past cool! You all did a lovely job of making costumes and props and styling wigs to make ears and quills. Do you need a Blaze the Cat? I think I have a purple shirt around here



Dear IDW

I have been a huge Sonic fan ever since I was 4 years old. My first game in the series was *Sonic Rush* on the DS, and have ever since fell in love with the games and TV shows. I'm currently busy with my first year in university, mainly doing 3D Animation, as I would love to work for SEGA in the near future.

After I started reading the IDW comics, I was amazed by how good the storyline and character development was, and I got super emotional when we finally got to see Silver's good future. The team behind the comics have done an amazing job at capturing the essence of Sonic's world, and for that I can't thank you guys enough!

I'm super excited to see what the future of this series holds. In the meantime, I've drawn some Whisper art as I'm a big fan of the character. Keep up the great work!

Regards,
Brandon



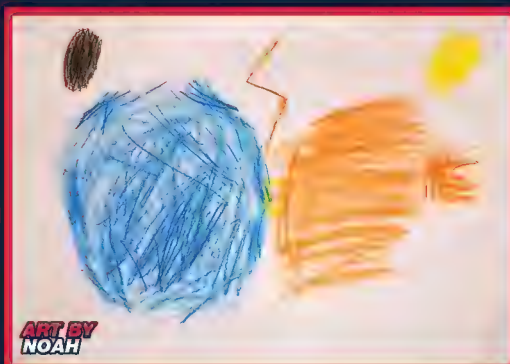
Dear Brandon,

From four years old to a first-year university student is a long time to be a Sonic fan! It's awesome that you've gotten to grow up with Sonic and that he's inspired you to learn 3D animation. Hopefully one day you'll be able to work with SEGA and create something even more iconic than Green Hill Zone!

Isn't Silver the best? I shed a tear when I saw his future had returned to normal. The creative team works hard to capture the look and feel of Sonic's world and it's always really rewarding when that hard work pays off in emotional moments like that.

Thank you for your excitement, your support, and your super fun Whisper art.

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Join us next time for more "Chao Races and Badnik Bases"!





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YOU REALLY
CAME!

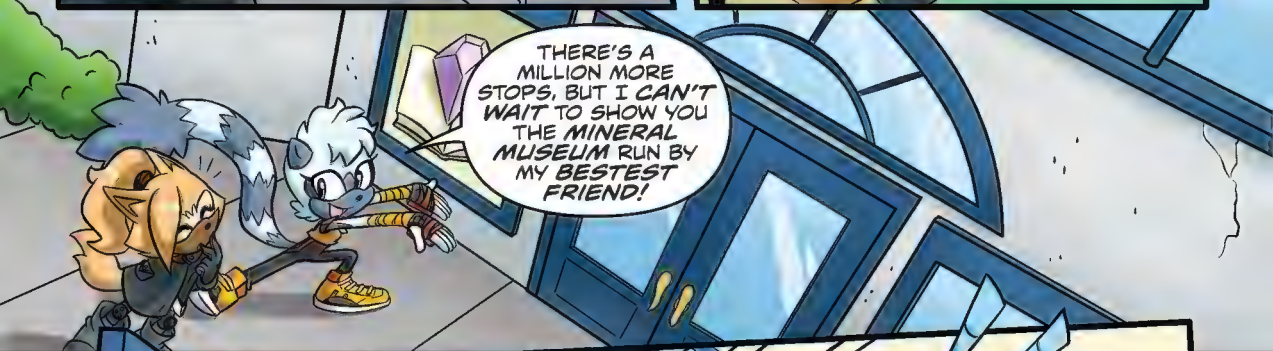
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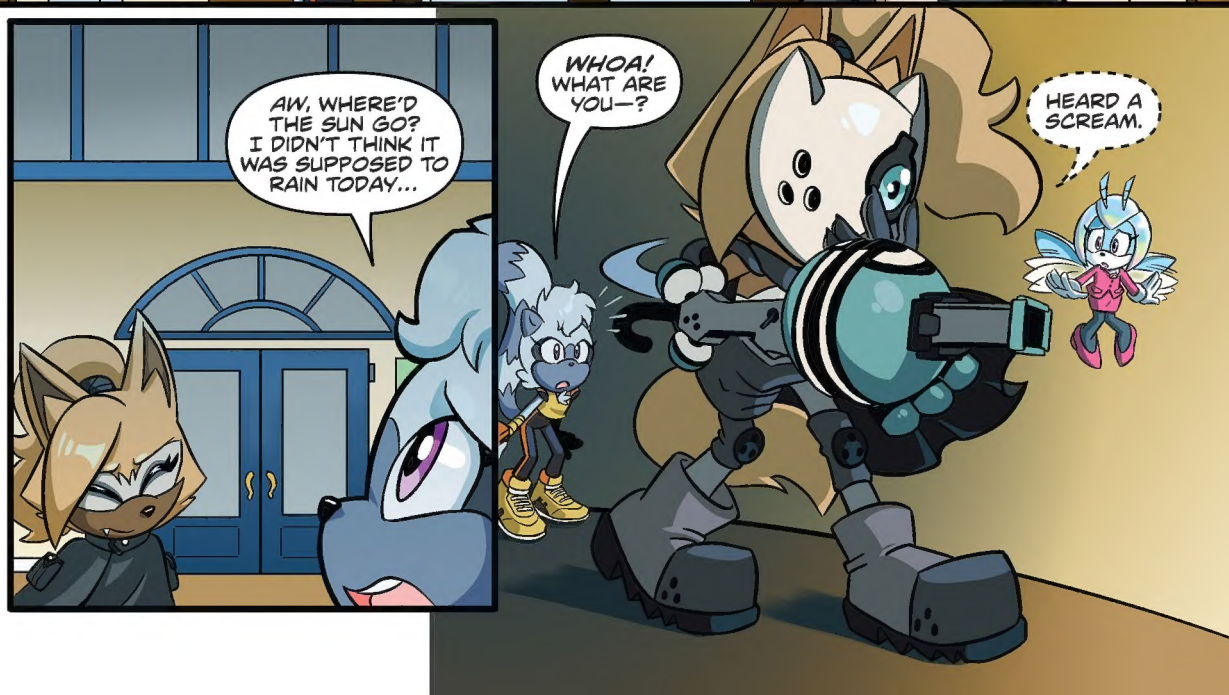
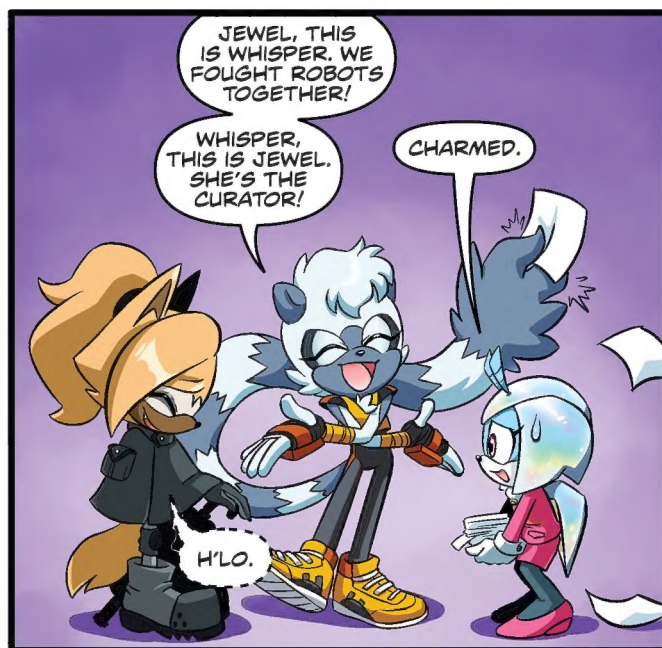
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IT FEELS
LIKE FOREVER
SINCE OUR LAST
ADVENTURE!

IT'S
SO COOL
TO HAVE FRIENDS
COME TO VISIT! AND
WHEN THE TOWN
ISN'T BEING
BOMBARDED,
EVEN!

WHOOPS!
RIGHT.
BOUNDARIES.
MY BAD.











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